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Office Action Summary

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09/982,826

Applicant(s)

BRONSTEIN ET AL.

Examiner

Daniel J Chung

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5. 6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

Receipt is acknowledged of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of 9-30-2003, which has been placed in the application file and considered by the Examiner.

Drawings

The drawings are not objected to by the Examiner.

Specification

Please review the application and correct all informalities.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

**Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
Pitkow et al. (6,369,819)**

Regarding claim 1, Pitkow et al discloses that the claimed feature of a method for mapping data to a multi-spline model, the data being expressed in spatial coordinates, the method comprising the steps of: (a) constructing a multi-spline tree ["link and nodes tree"] from a plurality of splines ["links"]; (b) converting a spatial coordinate of the data to a time-based coordinate; and (c) mapping each point of the data to a point on said multi-spline model at least partially according to said time-based coordinate. (See Abstract, Fig 22-25, col 1 line 66-col 2 line 51, col 5 line 5-15, col 16 line 33-col 18 line 18)

Regarding claim 2, Pitkow et al discloses that the steps of: (d) determining a location in the data by navigating through said multi-spline model; and (e) transmitting at least a portion of the data according to said location. (See Abstract, Fig 22-25, col 2 line 52-67, col 19 line 28-59)

Claims 1-2 are once again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Naka et al. (6,222,560)

Regarding claim 1, Naka et al discloses that the claimed feature of a method for mapping data to a multi-spline model, the data being expressed in spatial coordinates, the method comprising the steps of: (a) constructing a multi-spline tree [i.e. human hierarchy] from a plurality of splines; (b) converting a spatial coordinate of the data to a time-based coordinate [time series]; and (c) mapping each point of the data to a point

on said multi-spline model at least partially according to said time-based coordinate.

(See Fig 4, Fig 8, Fig 11, Fig 14, col 3 line 9-20, col 4 line 7-31, col 15 line 40+)

Regarding claim 2, Naka et al discloses that the steps of: (d) determining a location in the data by navigating through said multi-spline model; and (e) transmitting at least a portion of the data according to said location. (See Fig 11, Fig 14, Fig 8, col 3 line 9-20)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Chung whose telephone number is (703) 306-3419. He can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays from 7:30am- 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael, Razavi, can be reached at (703) 305-4713.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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